

Joint Meetings

ROLE OF OSCE INSTITUTIONS

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine the role of Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) institutions in advancing human rights and democracy, focusing on the roles of each institution, their contributions to strengthening human rights, and the challenges faced as countries seek to curtail the Organization's work, after receiving testimony from Janez Lenarcic, Office for the Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, Warsaw, Poland, and R. Spencer Oliver, Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly, Copenhagen, Denmark, both of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine transparency in accounting, proposed changes to accounting for off-balance sheet entities, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security, to hold an oversight hearing to examine bus safety, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold oversight hearings to examine clean-up efforts at federal facilities, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the Agreement for Peaceful Nuclear Cooperation with India, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 3474, to amend title 44, United States Code, to enhance information security of the Federal Government, S. 3384, to amend section 11317 of title 40, United States Code, to require greater accountability for cost overruns on Federal IT investment projects, H.R. 2631, to strengthen efforts in the Department of Homeland Security to develop nuclear forensics capabilities to permit attribution of the source of nuclear material, H.R. 6098, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to improve the financial assistance provided to State, local, and tribal governments for information sharing activities, H.R. 3815, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to make full and efficient use of open source information to develop and disseminate open source homeland security information products, S. 3176, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to authorize the President to provide mental health and substance abuse services, an original bill to establish a controlled unclassified information

framework, H.R. 6073, to provide that Federal employees receiving their pay by electronic funds transfer shall be given the option of receiving their pay stubs electronically, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for 8 weeks of paid leave for Federal employees giving birth, S. 3350, to provide that claims of the United States to certain documents relating to Franklin Delano Roosevelt shall be treated as waived and relinquished in certain circumstances, S. 3477, to amend title 44, United States Code, to authorize grants for Presidential Centers of Historical Excellence, H.R. 5975 and S. 3317, bills to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 West Main Street in Waterville, New York, as the "Cpl. John P. Sigsbee Post Office", H.R. 6092, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 Tallapoosa Street in Bremen, Georgia, as the "Sergeant Paul Saylor Post Office Building", S. 3309, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2523 7th Avenue East in North Saint Paul, Minnesota, as the Mayor William "Bill" Sandberg Post Office Building, H.R. 6437, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 200 North Texas Avenue in Odessa, Texas, as the "Corporal Alfred Mac Wilson Post Office", and the nominations of Ruth Y. Goldway, of California, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission, and Carol Waller Pope, of the District of Columbia, and Thomas M. Beck, of Virginia, both to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the homeland security risks associated with the upcoming presidential transition, the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) planning for the transition, and what remains to be done to prepare for the transition, 2 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold oversight hearings to examine federal declinations to prosecute crimes in Indian country, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 3259, to amend title 11, United States Code, with respect to the priority of certain high cost credit debts, H.R. 3971, to encourage States to report to the Attorney General certain information regarding the deaths of individuals in the custody of law enforcement agencies, S. Res. 540, recognizing the historical significance of the sloop-of-war USS Constellation as a reminder of the participation of the United States in the transatlantic slave trade and of the efforts of the United States to end the slave trade, the nominations of Clark Waddoups, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah, Michael M. Anello, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, Mary Stenson Scriven, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, Christine M. Arguello, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, Philip A. Brimmer, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, and Gregory G. Garre, of Maryland, to be Solicitor General of the United States, George W. Venables, to be United States Marshal for the Southern

District of California, and A. Brian Albritton, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Florida, all of the Department of Justice, and the authorization for subpoenas relating to the Department of Justice Office of Legal Counsel, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House Committees

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, hearing on Lessons for Countering al Qaeda and the Way Ahead, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "America's Need for Health Reform," 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Science Under Siege: Scientific Integrity at the Environmental Protection Agency" 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, hearing entitled "Auction Rate Securities Market: A Review of Problems and Potential Resolutions," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight, hearing on Families Torn Apart: Human Rights and U.S. Restrictions on Cuban-American Travel, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, to continue hearings entitled "Management, Missteps, and Missed Benchmarks: Why the Virtual Fence Has Not Become a Reality," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on H.R. 5793, Cell Tax Fairness Act of 2008, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, to markup H.R. 5607, State Secret Protection Act of 2008, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on the Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs Oversight, 11:30 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, oversight hearing on Recent Interior Department Inspector General Investigations on Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Collections, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, oversight hearing on the Federal Court Options for American Samoa, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Domestic Policy, hearing on Gaming the Tax Code: Public Subsidies, Private Profits, and Big League Sports in New York, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science and Technology, Subcommittee on Research and Science Education, hearing on the Role of Social Sciences in Public Health, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing entitled "Making Health Care Reform Work for Small Business," 10:30 a.m., 1539 Longworth.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, hearing on Transportation Planning, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on Emerging Contaminants in U.S. Waters, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing on Examining the Effectiveness of the Veterans Benefits Administration's Training, Performance Management and Accountability, 10 a.m., 340 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, to continue hearings on Policy Options to Prevent Climate Change, 10:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, hearing on Cyber Security, 9 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, executive, to meet on ongoing matters/reports, 1 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence, executive, on Russia, 2:30 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Select Committee on Emerging Independence and Global Warming, hearing entitled "The Green Road to Economic Recovery," 1:30 p.m., 175 Rayburn.